Purchase of paint by Defence Department

*256. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Paint Association (IPA) has urged the Government to set up a Task Force to evaluate and redefine the Department's purchase from the industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have called for any bids for supply of imported paints; and

(d) the details of annual consumption of indigenous paint by defence?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The Indian Paints Association in their 42nd Annual General Meeting held in Kolkata on 11.7.2005 have requested the setting up of a task force comprising of the paint industry and the defence personnel to review and specify standards for paints used by the Defence Forces.

Indian Navy and Ordnance Factory Board have taken procurement action for importing small quantities of very specialized paints.

Annual consumption of indigenous paints directly procured by Army, Navy and Ordance Factory Bord is estimated to be about 29 lakh litres.

Fuel scam in the army

*257. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether soldiers deployed in Ladakh region are dependent on Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) for bulk supplies of petrol, diesel and kerosene delivered in IOC tankers directly to Leh;

(b) if so, whether these tankers come to Leh from IOC depots at Ambala;